

Executive Proclamation

State of South Dakota

Office Of The Governor

WHEREAS, Medical residency programs improve the quality of medicine by increasing available health services required for specialty training programs, by providing 24-hour care in hospitals and clinics where resident physicians are located, and fostering state-of-the-art medical technology at community hospitals in which they serve; and,

WHEREAS, Medical residents keep existing physicians up-to-date through the residency training process resulting from mutual exposure to new medical technologies and information necessitated by the residency program and by posing challenging questions of diagnosis and treatment; and,

WHEREAS, The appeal of community medical training to graduate physicians, rather than large university hospitals, is apparent in the increasing number of out-of-state applicants to South Dakota residency programs; and,

WHEREAS, 50% of the medical residents who complete their residency programs in South Dakota remain in-state to practice and, of those 50%, 80% practice in towns with populations of 10,000 or less; and,

WHEREAS, South Dakota, in a highly competitive physician recruitment market, maintains one of the highest rates in the United States for retaining its resident physicians to practice medicine upon residency completion; and,

WHEREAS, South Dakota, with a rapidly aging population base as well as a rapidly aging physician population base, requires new physicians to meet its present and future health care;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, GEORGE S. MICKELSON, Governor of the State of South Dakota, do hereby proclaim October 23, 1987, as

RESIDENT PHYSICIAN APPRECIATION DAY

in South Dakota.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused to be affixed the Great Seal of the State of South Dakota, in Pierre, the Capital City, this Fifteenth Day of October, in the Year of Our Lord, Nineteen Hundred and Eighty-Seven

GEORGE S. MICKELSON, GOVERNOR

ATTEST:

JOHN J. HARTMAN, SECRETARY OF STATE